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THURSDAY

Fort Riley Post



Youth Football

The red, white and blue colors of the Fort Riley Middle School 7th Grade football team were on display Sept. 27, as the Troopers battled the Junction City Middle School Wildcats in a 26-0 loss.

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Destroying Al Qaeda

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—The United States will “disintegrate” the Al Qaeda terrorist network, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Sept. 30.

He said the Taliban leaders in Afghanistan have not met one of the demands President Bush made to them following the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The world is going to have to do everything possible to “disintegrate” the Al Qaeda war plan, Rumsfeld said on NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

“(Al Qaeda) is not just in Afghanistan, it’s in 60 countries. It has to be disintegrated. It has to end, it has to go out of business,” he said. Rumsfeld said the United States will work with those inside Afghanistan who oppose the Taliban, and said not to look for a conventional conflict inside Afghanistan.

“Unconventional approaches are much more likely and more appropriate than the typical conventional approach of armies and navies and air forces,” he said.

Taliban officials announced over the weekend that Osama bin Laden is under their control. “It was just a few days ago, that (the Taliban) said they didn’t know where he was,” Rumsfeld said. “So I have no reason to believe anything a Taliban representative would say.”

Rumsfeld said the U.S. military needs to transform to address the problems of homeland defense among other things.

“This has never been a problem (before), with friends to the north and south and oceans on either side,” he said. “Today, because we are a free people, these attacks can come from within.”

The United States has refashioned national strategy toward capabilities aimed at countering asymmetrical threats such as terrorism. The change is necessary “so we can arrange and train and organize and equip to deal with the kind of capabilities that are out there rather than orienting them solely to a specific country or threat,” he said.

Rumsfeld said the world has always had terrorism, but that terrorists today are especially dangerous because of the weapons available to them. Chemical, biological and nuclear weapons are spreading to countries that harbor terrorists, he said. “One has to recognize the possibility — the probability — that at some point these terrorist- sponsoring nations will provide these capabilities to these terrorist networks,” he said.

Rumsfeld said the goal in this war on terrorism is the same as it has been in all America’s wars: Victory. “The goal is to be able to have dealt with the problems that exist — in this case, the terror networks and the countries that harbor them — in a way that we have won,” he said.



Lyle Butler, president of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, left, and Ken Mortensen of the 1st National Bank of Junction City, right, observe a 3rd Brigade Combat Team battle at the NTC.

Civic leaders visit Bulldog Brigade

By Jeremy Heckler
19th Public Affairs Det.

FORT IRWIN, Calif.—Views of the battlefield have changed over the millennia along with the weapons used upon them.

In the days of the Roman Empire, commanders sought out

the high ground where they could view skirmishes with an eagle’s eye on their objectives. Today, commanders are surrounded by an array of technologically-advanced monitoring and reporting equipment that allows them to track vir-

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Lyle Butler, president of the Manhattan area Chamber of Commerce, climbs out of the commander’s hatch of an M1A1 Abrams tank during a visit to the battlefield.



Dick Hall, principal of Chapman High School, and other VIPs who visited the 3rd Brigade Combat Team at the NTC, had a chance to view equipment up close during their visit.

Task Force tackles defense

By Laurence Lang
50th PAD

Defense can be a waiting game that, at times, calls for patience. After setting up battle positions and preparing enemy forces to attack, it’s time to wait for some action.

Recently, the soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, and Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry played defense, while opposing forces of Troop D, 4th Cavalry challenged the armor and mechanized infantry units by trying to overrun the defensive positions.

In the Sept. 12 exercise, the task force began its two-week force-on-force exercise in the Kuwaiti desert — a culmination of company and task force operations to help refine soldier and unit skills. The events of force-on-force training also included a hasty attack, movement to contact and decontamination training.

“The soldiers are getting a great experience. They are understanding that training continues even after they are deployed to the field,” said Lt. Col. Bart Howard, task force commander.

According to Capt. David Gordon, commander, Company C, “The use of mechanized infantry and armor units allows the two sides to learn to work together to accomplish the mission.”

“The tanks are a very powerful direct fire system and the men on the ground with anti-tank weapons are the biggest enemy tank killer. The infantry clears the way and allows the tanks to roll through,” he added.

No matter how well-trained the soldiers are, safety plays a key factor in force-on-force training. A group of observer/controllers of the Military Professional Resources Incorporated watch and evaluate the training. Mark Jagoe, fire support and field

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Soldiers protect desert environment

By Peter Chadwick
19th Public Affairs Det.

FORT IRWIN, Calif.—“The U.S. Army is the most environmentally aware force in the world,” said Col. John B. Musser, III, commander, 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

Bulldog Six, as Musser is called, was fielding questions from concerned citizens of the fictitious “Mojavia” while on a mock radio talk show, here. Simulated media and local nationals are all part of the National Training Center exercise.

But, there is nothing simulated about the 3rd Brigade’s concern for the Mojave Desert.

More than 20 members of the 70th Engineer Battalion are designated as environmental defenders.

“We came in on the second flight,” said Sgt. Victor Mullins, Company B, 70th Engineer Battalion. “We had

to go to this class for 12 hours covering the Environmental Protection Agency and Environmental Protection Workers.”

Mullins, a combat engineer, said the “Sappers” also trained up on some new equipment like the Backhoe and five-ton Dump Truck.

PFC Luke Goolsby, with Bravo’s 2nd Platoon, 3rd Squad, said he was

“You never know when it’s going to happen. It’s more spontaneous than usual . . . you might have a huge spill. You might not have any.”

—PFC Luke Goolsby
70th Eng. Bn.

happy to get the extra training. “The more equipment I’m licensed on, the better for my platoon and my company,” said Goolsby, also a combat engineer. “If I re-up, it will help me in the long run.”

Goolsby said that of the equipment he’s been trained on, he spends most of his time driving the truck. He went on to say cleaning up the environment is a worthy endeavor and a good break from the day-to-day of normal training.

“You never know when it’s going to happen,” said Goolsby. “It’s more spontaneous than usual . . . you might have a huge spill. You might not have any.”

Goolsby said he’s been on two of the three spills and has driven as much as 30 miles with a full load of soil.

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Pvt. 2 Paul Inman, a heavy-wheeled vehicle operator with the 24th Transportation Company, mans a .50-caliber machine gun at the entrance of the brigade support area at the NTC.

Garrison Commander speaks . . .

Rules encourage pleasant living for all

After completing a year as Garrison Commander, I wanted to share with the community a top priority of mine for the remainder of my command. It is my intent to continue on the path we have taken to insure our community is a safe and wholesome environment to live, work, and raise our families.

Fort Riley may be a military installation, but it is also, a city similar to other communities in Kansas with business districts, industrial parks, churches, schools, and residential housing.

Over 3,000 military families live within the “city limits” of Fort Riley and are living in developments much like the subdivisions one might see in Junction City or Manhattan.

All local communities have rules for their residents to follow, and Fort Riley is no exception. Some rules are in the form of laws while others may be in the form of policies and regulations.

The purpose of these rules is to minimize problems associated with living in close proximity of one’s neighbors, while at the same time promoting harmony and a feeling of community among residents of widely diverse backgrounds and interests.

Fort Riley’s “rules for living” cover many topics such as control of pets, supervision of children, notices for trash or tall grass, and control of noise.

When rules are violated, communities take action against those who violate the rules.

My objective is to equitably and fairly enforce Housing rules for the benefit of all who live on the installation.

Each resident who enjoys the privilege of living in housing on Fort Riley has a responsibility to follow the rules.

When a resident elects not to follow those rules, I must take action to rectify the situation for the benefit of all of the other residents in the neighborhood.

There is a wide array of actions that may be taken against soldiers and family members.

The action I take depends on the severity of the problem and whether or not prior violations have occurred. The first time a family is involved in a minor incident of misconduct, I issue a

Townhall Message:

By Col. Philip Pope
Garrison Commander

warning letter to the soldier through his or her chain of command, advising the soldier that any additional incident may result in terminating their family from government quarters.

When the family is on the wait-

Housing records show that of 29 warnings and 22 evictions in the past six months, two were for misconduct of guests, 25 for battery, four for child abuse, four for drug use/possession, and 16 for other felony violations.

ing list, an incident could result in the family being removed from the list. Other actions that can be taken include eviction from quarters or barring individuals from entering Fort Riley.

My response fits the violation. The more severe the violation, the more severe the penalty. However, I consider each case individually, with input from on-post agencies and the soldier’s chain of command.

Many times a simple warning is sufficient to make the resident realize that either intentionally or unintentionally, they are treading on thin ice and that they need to take their responsibilities as residents more seriously.”

In the last six months, there were 51 incidents that resulted in 29 families receiving a warning

and 22 families evicted from quarters. We have also removed individuals from the waiting list for housing. In this same period, I have issued 69 bar letters banning personnel from entering the installation.

Actions are taken for a variety of reasons. Housing records show that of the 29 warnings and 22 evictions, two were for misconduct of guests, 25 were for battery, four for child abuse, four for drug use/possession, and 16 for other types of felony violations. Drug use and/or possession, whether it occurs on or off post, will not be tolerated and, in most cases, is a sure ticket for eviction from on-post quarters.

Typical examples of incidents necessitating action include a soldier testing positive for drugs on a urinalysis.

Disagreements between husbands and wives sometimes get out of control. They may start off arguing and then begin pushing or hitting resulting in a domestic disturbance.

I generally will issue a warning letter advising the soldier that any future problems will result in the termination of their quarters.

If the domestic disturbance involves the use of a weapon, regardless of whether that weapon is a knife, frying pan, or a brick, the warning letter is almost always bypassed, and the family is evicted from quarters.

The Community can’t take a chance that it won’t happen again and possibly injure a neighbor or bystander.

Residents are also responsible for the actions of their guests.

There was one recent case where the family harbored a fugitive from justice. The guest had committed a serious crime, and the family hid and later drove their guest out of state.

We discovered this, and although no harm came to anyone in the neighborhood, the family was evicted from quarters. This story could have easily had a different ending. This is not the type of living climate we want to foster on Fort Riley.

Other examples include child abuse, neighbors that can’t get along for various reasons, and fires caused through negligence. Fortunately, child abuse is not a common occurrence, but when it does happen, extensive counseling is needed.

If those involved fail to keep appointments with the family counselor, they are subject to eviction. If a guest commits the abuse, at a minimum that guest will be barred from Fort Riley.

Sometimes, neighbors can’t seem to get a long. They each have their own version for the problems that exist, and it’s always the other person’s fault.

We give them two choices, they can either decide to get along and observe the rules, or they can both decide to find a nice place to live off of Fort Riley.

I will not terminate the quarters of just one family in this case; I will terminate the quarters of both families.

My goal is to provide a safe, peaceful, and enjoyable environment for Army families living on Fort Riley.

A family shouldn’t have to worry about a neighbor’s argument turning violent or their children being exposed to drugs.

I also have as a goal that our residents feel a sense of community where everyone looks out for each other. I am committed to ensuring our Post provides residents the best environment in The Army.

Fire prevention observed

From Public Works

One of the country’s worst urban fires was the “The Great Chicago Fire” that started Oct. 8, 1871, and lasted for 27 hours.

The worst of the fire occurred Oct. 9. The fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,00 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more the 2,000 acres.

The origin of the fire has never been determined, and there has been much speculations as to how it began. One popular belief is that Mrs. Catherine O’Leary was milking her cow, Bessie, when it kicked over a lamp, setting the O’Leary barn on fire.

On the fortieth anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the International Fire Marshal’s Association sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day, as a way to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

Soldiers, families and civilians need to do their part in making Fort Riley a safe place to live and work, according to post fire officials.

“Everyone needs to inspect their areas and take the measures necessary to prevent fires in the quarters and where they work,” said Fort Riley Fire Chief John Boyd.

Since the beginning of this year, the post has had six kitchen fires in family quarters, all caused by unattended cooking.

“The situation can be made worse by attempting to put out a grease fire with water which only causes the fire to spread,” said Boyd. Thus far, according to the Fire Deptment, no one has been injured in a kitchen fire on post.

“In the event you do have a

kitchen fire first call 911 then, if it is safe to do so, turn off the stove and cover the pan and then evacuate the quarters,” said Boyd.

“The best action a family can take in preventing kitchen fires is to never leave cooking food unattended,” said Lt. Col. Wesley Anderson, director, Pulic Works.

In addition, all residents should have renter’s insurance according to Charlie Williams, housing manager.

Aside from kitchen fires, the installation has had 14 other building fires this year. Most of the causes of these fires were the result of leaving candles burning, improperly storing gasoline and melting shoe polish, said Boyd.

All Family Housing quarters on Post have smoke detectors and they should be tested monthly.

Residents can check detectors by pressing the little red button, which should sound an audible alarm. If the alarm on the detector does not sound, immediately notify the Family Housing Service Order Desk at 784-2599.

Detectors in barracks and administrative areas work differently and are not designed to be checked. If you are unsure about how the smoke detector operates call the Fire Department at 239-4257.

One of the most effective campaigns developed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs is the “Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery Campaign.” The focus of this campaign is to urge families with battery-operated and battery backup detectors to change the batteries when they change their clocks back to standard time in October.

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Getting Wired

PFC Christopher Tessner, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery, checks on the status of his Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Tessner's vehicle is being fitted with Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement simulation equipment before the “battles” begin at the National Training Center.

Sergeant wears Navy badge

By Jeremy Heckler
19th Public Affairs Det.

FORT IRWIN, Calif.—For those who wear the Navy’s Surface Warfare badge it is a statement saying that no matter where the call of duty is, the job will get done.

Sgt. Bobby Burton of the 1st Maintenance Company has carried on that pride and integrity from the Navy’s open seas to serve as a soldier in the Army.

Burton proudly wears a likeness of the badge on his BDU’s, earning the attention of those who pass by him.

Burton has a smile for everyone and it seems that everyone he meets is a friend.

Each person who asks him about the badge has an opportunity to hear one of those deep-sea tales that sailors are known to tell.

“Most people who see it ask me if I was a Navy SEAL,” said Burton, with an easy smile. The work into the badge took two years to accomplish and covered many different areas of shipboard operations.

“You need to know the whole ship and be certified in all the different jobs of the ship, afterwards there is a written test and an oral board,” said Burton.

That hearty meal and more is what the Dust Bowl offered Fort Riley soldiers.

During their week-long stay in the Dust Bowl, the members of 3rd Brigade Combat Team set up their tents with a variety of diversions for their off time.

Under covered shelters, pup tents line the streets of this tent city. The dust bowl provides latrines and showers giving soldiers a reminder of what they would be leaving soon.

“This is paradise city, the absolute best field conditions I’ve ever been in,” said Sgt. John Hackett, 3rd Brigade sniper team section leader. “There is overhead cover and we aren’t digging latrines.”

In addition to the latrines, the facility includes a shoppette, a barbershop, a Laundromat, as well as a snack bar called the Soldier’s Shade.

The Soldier’s Shade offers food, video games and pool tables, taking advantage of the soldiers’ down time.

“We go into the Soldier’s Shade and play the hunting games,” said Hackett.

“The Dust Bowl is really great for morale,” said 1st Lt. Steven Brothers, 3rd Brigade sniper employment officer. “It’s nice to have a shoppette to buy things in and have nice clean clothes after sweating all day.”

The Dust Bowl also provides one of the last opportunities to get in touch with family members back at Fort Riley at the two military communications centers at the facility. For a fee, soldiers can

One of the reasons he wears the badge now that he is in the Army is because of the time it took him to earn it, especially because there are those in the Navy who are senior noncommissioned officers who have never attained it.

Burton came to the Army after his Navy contract was up because, he said, he still wanted to serve his country in the military, but that he didn’t want to be away from his family as often as most sailors.

Burton said that while stationed in Norfolk, Va., for four years he was deployed for a total of three years.

“I had two babies that I’d never get to see and I’d miss my anniversary and their birthdays,” said Burton. He said his family has been supportive of his Army career.

The 17-month veteran of the Army has been thrust into some of the most demanding positions since he joined.

The logistics clerk serves as the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the training room back at Fort Riley.

His current role here is as NCOIC of his unit’s Tactical Operations Center.

“I have no experience running a TOC but I’m dedicated to do the job right and if I don’t know an

answer to a question, I’ll find out,” said Burton.

“He’s outstanding,” said SFC Charles Vineyard, acting first sergeant of 1st Maintenance Co. “He keeps the TOC running and constantly updated and is always on top of things.”

Vineyard said what amazed him was how well Burton has done considering that the first time Burton ever was in a TOC was at Gauntlet.

“He just has a great attitude and wants to get it done while constantly improving things,” said Vineyard.

For the soldiers who work under Burton, being around him can be like a breath of fresh air.

“He’s very easy going with everyone and makes everyone feel comfortable,” said Spec. Jaime Merrick, 1st Maintenance Co. “There are times when he comes up with things out of the blue that makes people laugh and brightens up their day.”

Burton hopes to one day become a warrant officer in his career field, but for now he is just enjoying the life of a Fort Riley soldier.

“I enjoy everything I do in the military,” said Burton. “If you don’t enjoy it. It is going to be a long day, week, long everything.”

check and send email or call their family members back home.

The Dust Bowl is more than just the facilities, it is a community of soldiers working and living together.

“We have been taking things

one day at a time here,” said Brothers. “Some days are really busy and some are slow.”

Brothers said that the slow days were a good time to get together and network with fellow soldiers for friendship.

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Ghost Tours

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley's annual Ghost Tour is still scheduled for Oct. 28, from 4 - 8 p.m. It is open to ID card holders only. The line will form in front of the Custer House, on Sheridan Avenue. Volunteers are needed, call 717-2818.

Shope News

The Shoppe has many fall items in and lots of Americana. The Shoppe is located in Bldg. 259 Stuart Ave. (just west of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard Stables). Phone 785-239-2783. Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday.

Thrift Shop

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop is reopened in a new location in Bldg. 267 on Stuart Avenue near the stables. Store hours are 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Consignments are accepted from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m.-noon on open Saturdays. For information, call 784-3874.

Family Symposiums

Fort Riley will conduct its annual Family Action Symposium Oct. 25-26 at the Soldier and Family Support Center. The Youth Symposium is scheduled Oct. 20 at the Teen Center. During both symposiums, issues will be discussed, prioritized and recommended for further actions. For information, call 239-9435 or e-mail at youngb@riley.army.mil.

Free Auto Checks

The Fort Riley Automotive Skills Center, Bldg 7753 Apennines, Custer Hill, is offering a free, 25-point winter safety auto check for the spouses of deployed soldiers, according to facility manager Beverly Johnson. The special runs now through Nov. 10. The only requirements for the safety check are the spouse provides an identification card and vehicle registration form or title. The shop user card and bay fees for the winter check-up will be waived. The winter care checklist will include air filter, engine oil level, transmission fluid, brake fluid level, power steering fluid, washer fluid, antifreeze, belts, hoses, battery, cable connections, headlamps, parking lamps, turn signals, hazard flashers, reverse lamp, windshield wipers, glass, mirrors, tire inflation, tire condition, exhaust system, universal joints and drive axles. The Auto Skills Center is open Wednesday-Friday, 1-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is 239-9764 or 239-4028.

Swim Lessons

Registration is underway for another round of swim lessons at Eyster Indoor Swimming Pool. The next session is Oct. 15-26.

Lessons offered include IPAP, 4-4:30 p.m., Monday-Wednesday-Friday; Level III, 4:40-5 p.m., Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday; Level 1, 5-5:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday; and Level II, 5:30-6 p.m., Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday.

CYS Basketball

Child and Youth Services basketball registration runs Oct. 29 through Nov. 9. Registrations are being taken at the CYS Central Enrollment Registry Office, Bldg. 6620 Normandy Drive, Custer Hill. The program is open to second through sixth graders. The season runs December to March.

Open Mic Night

Musicians, singers, comedians and special acts are invited to perform at the Sports U.S.A. "Open Mic Night," Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. For information, call 784-5434.

Golf Specials

Custer Hill Golf course is offering an early week special with \$7 green fees Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Tee times are available by calling 784-6000.

Skating Rink

Riley Wheels Skating Rink, located inside King Field House, Main Post, is available for rent for private functions. For details call 239-2243.

Preschool Program

The Child and Youth Services School Age Services has opening in the Before and After School program for Kindergarten through 5th grade. For information, call 239-4847.

Hispanic Heritage

The Division Equal Opportunity Office has rescheduled Fort Riley's Celebration of Hispanic American History Month with a program on Oct. 12, at Riley's Event Center from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. For information, call 239-2928.

Replacement Moves

The 1st Replacement Company, formerly located at Bldg. 214, is now located in Bldg. 210. Incoming soldiers and sponsors picking up soldiers, report to the basement of Bldg. 210. This is also the new location of the commander, first sergeant, operations, shipping, and the personnel actions center. All phone numbers will remain the same.

Package Deliveries

Under current conditions, delivery companies such as United Parcel Service and Federal Express are no longer authorized to deliver packages or mail to living quarters on Fort Riley. Those expecting packages should contact the delivery company to

arrange for pick up at the company's local office. Deliveries to office buildings on post will continue.

Vehicle Registration

All vehicles on post must have a valid DoD registration sticker affixed to the windshield or a valid access pass clearly posted in the windshield. Vehicles without valid stickers or passes must be moved off-post permanently (or until registered), or into a designated lot (until registered or moved permanently off-post). You are encouraged to voluntarily register or move unregistered vehicles off-post or into a designated lot at Bldg. 7780. Vehicles without stickers or passes will be tagged. After 12 hours, if not moved, they will be towed to a designated lot. Contact PMO at 239-3245 for vehicle registration. Contact DOL at 239-3504 for status of towed vehicles.

College Schedules

Fort Riley on-post college courses will still be offered to all students. In order to maintain appropriate security measures, students will be put on an access roster after verification from school authorities of their registration. K-State has decided to move Term I classes off post to its K-State campus in Manhattan. Students accessing post will still be subject to security checks each time they access the installation. Students should allow extra time in case of delays. For information, call 239-6481.

Trash Collection

No pickup Monday. Tuesday pickup at Colyer Manor, Main Post Housing, Marshall Air Field. Wednesday pickup at Peterson Heights, Montie Heights, Ellis Heights and O'Donnell Heights. Thursday pickup at Warner Heights, Burnside Heights. Oct. 12 pickup at South Peterson Heights, South Warner Heights, Meade Heights, and McClellan Heights.

Auto Center Closure

The Fort Riley Automotive Skills Center, Bldg. 7753 Apennines, Custer Hill, will be closed Wednesday- Oct. 12 to allow the

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Community Basketball

staff to participate in training.

Community Basketball

The Fort Riley Community Life Sports Program is now taking team registrations for the 2001-2002 league basketball season, according to program director Billy Mack. Fort Riley housing areas that would like to register teams may sign up at King Field House, Main Post during regular operational hours. Information on the program is available by contacting Mack at 239-3764. The season runs November through March.

Bible Study

A weekly Bible Study is set for 7 p.m. every Monday at 41C Sheridan Place. For information, call 717-3072/1565 or 784-6146.

Luncheon planned

The next Officer and Civilian Spouses Club luncheon is set for Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. at Riley's Event Center. Lunch will be served at noon. Reservations are required by Oct. 12. Call the following numbers to register: A-M — Teresa Howard 717-2464; N-Z — Dani Wadsworth 717-1580; Ogden and Manhattan — Laura Ann Pegg 770-8310. To make reservations for child care, call Rhonda Lysinger at 717-6468 by Oct. 12. The charity for this month is for veterinary clinic services. Please bring dry puppy and dog food, dry kitten and cat food and kitty litter.

Diabetes Class

The diabetes education class will be held today, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Nutrition Care Division Classroom at IACH. This is a 4-5 hour class that will cover diabetes types and symptoms; hyperglycemia; nutrition; exercise; glucose monitoring; oral diabetes medication; insulin therapy, and standards of medical care for diabetic patients. Maj. Kevin Schaller, Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Clinic 2 is the instructor for the Diabetes Education Class. To enroll in the Diabetes Education Class, patients must have a

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Instructor Needed

A piano instructor is needed to teach children and youth on post. The instructor will be contracted. If interested, call Cathy Spiegel, Supplemental Programs and Services Director for Child and Youth Services at 239-9850/4847.

Worship Service

A Protestant Liturgical Worship Service has resumed at St. Mary's Chapel every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. For information, call 239-5313/5711.

Veterinary Clinic

The Vet clinic is having a Saturday Clinic Oct. 13. It will start at 8 a.m. and run to 1p.m. The clinic will be held for pets that need vaccinations and minor sick call.

Running Clinic

Celebrate National Physical Therapy Month by participating in the Running Clinic at King Field House, Main Post Oct. 19, from 4-8 p.m. and Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For information please call 239-7964.

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By Reed Scott

Outdoor Recreation Manager

With cooler weather ahead, now is the perfect time to check out all the equipment Outdoor Recreation has to offer. Whatever type of recreation you're interested in, Outdoor Recreation has the equipment you need. From boats to campers to folding tables, an excellent selection can be found at Outdoor Recreation. A popular addition to the boats already on hand this year has been the purchase of two new Fish and Ski boats. These boats have a 90 hp engine, comfortable seating and are perfect for area lakes. They rent for \$70 for 24 hours and all that's required is taking a boater's safety test. We have also received a two person and a one-person kayak that have already proven popular. They rent for \$12. Due to high demand, we now have two inflatable "Moonwalks" for kids for only \$75 a day. With the water level up from recent rains, this would also be a good time to try out the new 16' Old Town canoes that just arrived for only \$12 a day. In addition, there is still a great selection of other equipment such a special on bikes. Rent two adult mountain bikes, one child carrier and bike carrier that fits most vehicles for only \$12 a day. When you are planning your holiday functions, keep in mind that Outdoor Rec has new 30" x 96" aluminum banquet tables for just \$4 a day. The clay target shotgun range will continue to operate as long as weather permits. There is currently a special on Saturdays through Nov. 24 that allows shooters to shoot 25 targets for just \$3 for a savings of \$2 per round. Outdoor Recreation also has rental shotguns available for young and adult. Archery shooters are encouraged to check out all the new 3D targets just in. They include turkey, elk, deer and bison. For information, call Outdoor Recreation at 239-2363. Current hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-4p.m. (the checkout center closes one-half hour earlier.)

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Soldier featured on value posters

Familiar face stands out from ads, magazines

By Melissa McEntire

Staff Writer

When the Army Values first surfaced in every soldier’s life, so did Sgt. Maj. Mark Clifton, who is the 24th Infantry Division G-6 sergeant major.

He is featured on the Integrity poster for the Army Values. Recently, he became part of the Fort Riley team.

Since arriving in mid-July, he has had a few remarks on how familiar he looks to people.

“A lot of people come up to me and tell me they know me from somewhere, but they can’t quite place me,” he said.

But the modest sergeant major won’t tell them why his face sticks out in their mind. “I don’t like telling people I’m on a poster they’ve probably seen a thousand times. Eventually, they figure it out, but I don’t want to sound as though I am bragging. So I let everyone figure it out on their own.”

It usually doesn’t take people long to figure it out.

All of the Army Values posters are hung just down the hall from his office door.

“Maybe the most interesting

thing about the poster is that I didn’t even know I was going to be on one of them,” Clifton said.

“The picture actually came from my Drill Sergeant of the Year pictures that were taken in 1991,” he said.

“I was an E-6 then and I was drilling at Fort Dix, New Jersey, when I competed for Drill Sergeant of the Year. It was tough, but it was great. It was a huge surprise to me when I actually won,” he said.

“Not too long after the competition, my photo was taken for the event during an actual training day. It was that photo that they used on the poster,” he said.

“I guess they archive the pictures because I had no clue they were going to use that one for an Army Value poster. In fact, I was a first sergeant at Fort Bragg, N.C., when a buddy of mine called to tell me what a great poster it was. I had no clue what he was talking about,” he said.

“He sent me a copy of it, and there I was. It was crazy.

“It made me proud that they had chosen my picture to go on the posters. But, because they used integrity, that makes me even more proud,” Clifton said. “Integrity is the value that is most important. Everything relies on it. Being on that particular poster means a whole lot to me.

“Being a drill sergeant was important to me. It was one of the most important achievements I’ve had in the Army. Winning DS of the Year meant even more. But being on one of those posters is probably the most uplifting thing to happen to me ever,” he said.

Not only has Clifton been on the poster, he was also featured in advertising in such magazines as Sports Illustrated and Soldiers.

“The DS of the Year photo was used in quite a few magazines to promote recruiting,” he said.

He was also a guest on Live with Regis and Kathie Lee and Good Morning America.

“I was even on billboards. My brother told me he saw one in our hometown in New Jersey, so I went home to see it,” Clifton said.

“It is strange to see your face everywhere, but it is exhilarating just the same,” he said.

“Even though I have been featured in pictures and posters, it never changed who I am. I still drive on and do the best at what I am doing.

“It takes determination, effort and a willingness to do everything. I hope soldiers don’t think that because I was once in a poster, I will not do my job. That is not how I am and that is not how any soldier should be,” Clifton said.

Retention NCO wins III Corps

By Melissa McEntire

Staff Writer

Whenever the window is open for re-enlistment in the Army, soldiers usually turn to one person to steer them in the right direction...a career counselor.

One counselor stands above the rest this year. SSgt. Patrick Street, HHC 24th Infantry Division, and attached to 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, was selected as the career counselor of the year for Fort Riley, and recently for III Corps.

The honor is not easily achieved, however.

“The career counselor has to be picked by his supervisor and recommended by his commander to even go to the board,” said Sgt. Maj. Tom Kelly, chief of command retention, HHC, 24th Inf. Div.

“The board here was really tough. It was actually a tie and Street won the tie-breaker,” he said.

“It was tough,” said Street.

“They ask a lot of questions about information we don’t normally use on a daily basis, so I had a lot of studying up to do,” he said.

“They asked basic non-commissioned officer questions that we all need to know, such as land navigation, but because it is something I now don’t use daily, I brushed up on it,” Street said.

“However, as career counselors, we must be proficient in the basic NCO tasks as well as many others,” he said.

A career counselor advises soldiers who are in their re-enlistment window on the options they are entitled to if they decide to stay in the Army.

“We advise what bonuses are available, we verify the accuracy of everything, and we check into their qualifications if they want to change their MOS, and so on,” said Street.

“So you can see why there are questions on the board we don’t use everyday,” he said.

After winning the board here, Street went on to win the board at III Corps level.

“I was really nervous before that board,” he said.

“I’m always nervous before boards, but especially

at this one. I was competing against soldiers from Fort Sill, Okla., Fort Carson, Colo., and Fort Hood, Texas.,” he said.

“The questioning was tough, but I answered to the best of my ability,” Street said.

“After the board there, another sergeant major who was judging the board told me that he was one of the best soldiers he’d ever seen,” Kelly said.

“He answered almost every question correctly,” he said.

“I was confident in everything that I knew,” Street said.

“Undoubtedly, however, I was very surprised when I won,” he said.

Street will now go to the FORSCOM board and compete. If he wins that, he will go on to the Department of the Army level.

“I feel proud that I’ve come as far as I have,” he said.

“I wouldn’t have been able to do it without the support I’ve been given and the help I’ve been given when it came to studying. Without the people around me, I would have never made it this far,” Street said.

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Mullins said the 70th had two teams of workers on stand-by.

“They take the contaminated soil to the dump site,” said Mullins. “They weigh us in first and then the sand is dumped.”

Mullins said the EPA contractors handle it from there, filtering the soil through their equipment. Goolsby said the brigade pays six cents-a-pound to process the contaminated soil.

Sgt. Douglas Leboeuf, assault and obstacle platoon, showed how they track the spills on the NTC map.

“Whenever we have a spill, we mark it with a red stick pin,” said Leboeuf. “It may take more than one day to clean up a spill.”

“We dig until we see no more oil or fuel in the sand,” said Mullins.

Leboeuf said the EPA representatives take samples of the soil in the hole. If the test is still

positive, the engineers continue.

If it’s negative, the excavation is “cleared” and Leboeuf places a green stickpin on the map. Another mission complete.

Leboeuf said there are other ecological functions for the teams.

They also pick up oil-soaked rags, alkaline batteries and empty fuel and oilcans. He said they also recover containers of used oil leftover from oil changes.

Leboeuf said these items go to one of three collection points.

No, it’s not what the 70th Eng. soldiers are used to doing but they stand by, ready for the next call to collect and deposit.

“They’re good hard working soldiers doing what they need to do,” said Mullins.

More than that, these Sappers are backing-up their brigade commander’s words.

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tually every player on the field.

Civic leaders from Junction City, Chapman and Manhattan, Kan., came to experience both of these views during the battles of 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division at the National Training Center Sept. 27-29. Kansas Representative Jim Ryun and his staff also got a first-hand look at the Army during the visit.

Guests started out with a tour of the “Star Wars” facility. From this technology-laden location, the visitors were able to track the battles between 3rd Brigade and the NTC’s Opposition Force. After a briefing by Brig. Gen. James D. Thurman, commanding general of the NTC and Fort Irwin, the band of warrior-watchers headed to the “Box,” where the brigade’s campaign takes place.

In the early morning hours, they observed the beginnings of a battle as the 3rd Brigade Combat Team and the Opposition Force maneuvered into position.

“I was struck by the realism of the training,” said Nicole Miller, military legislative assistant for Ryun. “The brigade was forced to function in a real-life situation combined with a lack of sleep and had to anticipate the enemy’s moves.”

“My goal here is to understand more about what the soldiers experience and gain first hand experience of the NTC,” said Ryun. “I

wanted to be here while Fort Riley soldiers were here so that I could see the implementation of all of the training that goes on there.”

“It is the motto of Fort Riley that we are America’s Army. There would not be an Army if the people did not understand what we are all about,” said Maj. Gen. Robert St. Onge, Jr., commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) and Fort Riley.

“Our neighbors need to know what we do. Coming out and observing the challenges soldiers face in the field, helps them appreciate why we train as hard as we do at Fort Riley. Now they know why it’s necessary to fire artillery and maybe understand a little better what it is soldiers do.”

St. Onge said he hoped the experience would help recruit ambassadors for Fort Riley in the local communities. He said that during the spring rotation, Dr. Mary Devin, superintendent for Unified School District 475, which includes Fort Riley and Junction City, visited the NTC and was able to get a feel for what the parents of the children of her district endure.

Due to her visit, she was able to take back a refreshed view of Army families to her fellow teachers and administrators, he said.

“During the briefing Thurman discussed the method of evaluation (of the units) as non-

judgmental. It is a matter of performing to a set standard,” said Richard Hall, Chapman High School’s principal for the past 16 years.

He said the method was not a grade, but a way to find out what needs to fixing. Hall said this is something he can take home and practice while he works on teacher evaluations.

Other visitors observed the roles of soldiers for a day.

“I got to see how close a Humvee can come to the edge of a steep cliff,” said Larry Cope, a member of the Economic Development Committee for Junction City and Geary County.

Cope, a former member of the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program, said it brought back memories and allowed him to have a stronger picture about what the soldiers on Fort Riley do on an everyday basis.

“Now when I come home and see the troops on television, I have a better idea of what they are going through,” said Cope.

Both Lyle Butler, president of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce and Kenneth Mortensen, a banker from Junction City, echoed Cope’s remarks.

Since March of 1992, 18 groups of local and regional VIPs totaling 87 people have taken part in Operation Desert Partner.

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artillery senior trainer, teaches company and task force fire support officers to synchronize indirect fires in support of maneuver operations.

Jagoe, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, with 22 years as a field artillery officer, is spending his terminal leave helping the task force improve its combat skills.

For him, safety is the number one priority.

“Soldiers may forget the little things in the heat of battle, even if the battle is during a training event. We are here to make sure they do everything correctly and not get hurt while they are doing their jobs,” he said. “This is great realistic training and gives these soldiers the chance to train on the very ground they could one day be fighting on.”

For Spec. Thomas Smith, driver, Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, this is his first deployment and he’s learning everything he needs to know to become proficient on the battlefield.

The 19-year-old Louisiana native never expected to be doing his job in Kuwait.

“This training is good. We are doing things here that we don’t get to do back at

Fort Riley,” he said.

“This allows us to make mistakes and learn from them. We are learning to prepare for combat and this gives us the perfect opportunity to do just that,” he added.

Once the battle was over, an after-action review was conducted to give the soldiers the chance to evaluate their strengths and the things they needed to

improve on.

“Our training has taken on even more significance since Sept. 11. These soldiers realize there are dangerous elements out there, and they reflect on the importance of such training. They are training harder and preparing themselves more and more for the possibility of anything in the region,” said Howard. “They are focused, well-trained and ready to go

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Riley runners train in desert for Ten-Miler

By *Jeremy Heckler*
19th Public Affairs Det.

FORT IRWIN, Calif.—Fort Riley soldiers Ben Sandy and Derek Miller have spent their National Training Center rotation preparing for the Army Ten-Miler scheduled for Oct. 14 in Washington, D.C.

“We’ve been running an hour everyday to get ready for the race,” said Sandy of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery. Sandy and Miller average about 75 miles each week they are here and hope to log in at least 300 miles before they leave NTC.

Sandy’s unit allowed him to stay in the Dust Bowl so he and Miller can train in preparation for the race.

Miller works as a cook for those who have remained in the Dust Bowl. The work of the two soldiers has many in awe.

“How many soldiers do you see that come to NTC do their job and continue to train,” said Staff Sgt. Theodore Bilbo, 172nd Chemical Company noncommissioned officer in charge of food services.

He said the two work hard and don’t complain about their work in the dining facility.

The first week of desert training involved acclimating to the high desert environment.

“The first week was tough because the air is thinner and the elevation makes your legs feel heavier but after a week you adapt to it,” said Miller.

Miller said that Sandy has really helped him improve as a runner, especially with his mental toughness.

“It is easy to be out running by yourself and after awhile get tired and quit,” said Miller. “He’ll pick up the pace and I’ll push myself to meet his pace or I’ll pick things up.”

Miller said that the two of them talk for the first couple miles as they loosen up their muscles.

Then the seriousness of the task at hand kicks in as they work on their breathing and share the ever-present water bottle.

Before going to Fort Irwin, Sandy and his wife trained together.

“My wife is very supportive and willing to let me run,” said Sandy. “She rides her bike alongside me and serves as my support crew.”

This is not just another event for Sandy. In the past year, he was named to the All-Army Track team and All-Army Marathon team as well as ran away with first in the qualifying event.

“The Ten-Miler is special because you represent Fort Riley and you get to go to go to the AUSA convention as a member of the post,” said Sandy.

Both soldiers hope to improve on their qualifying race times in which they finished first and second overall for Fort Riley.

“I want to run the race in 55 minutes or better,” said Sandy. “I’ve run a 53 twice and anything less than 53 should help me get into the top 50.” Last year Sandy finished the race in 109th place.

Sandy’s ultimate goal is to qualify for the Olympic trials in the marathon.

His best time in the event was two seconds slower than the qualifying time.

He hopes to improve to the point that he will be accepted into the Army’s world-class athlete program.

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Troopers’ running back Deon Villasencio sprints upfield attempting to reach the first-down marker during the fourth quarter in the Troopers 26-0 loss to the Wildcats Sept. 28 in Junction City. The Troopers play at Wamego at 4 p.m. Oct. 11.

Troopers fall to Wildcats, 26-0

By *Kevin Doheny*
Staff Writer

The red, white and blue colors of the Fort Riley Middle School 7th Grade Football Team were on display Sept. 27, as the Troopers battled the Junction City Middle School Wildcats in a 26-0 loss in Junction City.

Both teams hit the field with high hopes to bring home the victory for their respective schools.

After the pre-game rituals, which consist of stretching, calastinics, coin toss and play run through, both team’s sidelinees were cheering on their teammates awaiting the start of the game.

The game started off fast and furious for the Wildcats, as they ran the ball, with different running backs, at the Trooper defense.

They drove down the field with little resistance from the defensive lineman.

The drive, which started at the Trooper 38 yard line, ended when the Wildcats ran the ball for a touchdown from within the Trooper five-yard line.

Their attempt for the two-point conversion was no good and the score early on was 6-0.

The Troopers then had their chance to move the ball.

After an unsuccessful try to get a first down, they were forced to punt.

During the punt, the Wildcat return man had the ball bounce off his foot and the Troopers recovered.

Getting a second chance to move the ball against the stingy Wildcat defense, the Troopers drive once again stalled before they were able to move the chains.

After the botched punt return, the Wildcats settled down. Their next play was another touchdown run.

Once again the Trooper defense stepped up.

On the two-point conversion attempt, they stopped the Wildcat offense short of the goaline.

Still not being able to produce anything offensively on their next drive, the Trooper offense wasted a sizable gain by running back Deon Villasencio, and a first down gain by quarterback Rodney Garrett, and were forced to punt again.

With the score 12-0 the Wildcats were not done scoring in the first half.

They scored on another touchdown run, and for the first time in the game they connected successfully on the two-point conversion.

The score was 20-0.

With time running out in the first half, the Wildcats put the final touches on a devastating first half by scoring again on a quarterback keeper.

The Trooper defense rose up again though, stopping the Wildcats from another two-point conversion.

Trying to put points on the board, Trooper back-up quarterback Jared Walker tried to hit his receiver on a slant pattern, but the ball was tipped by a Wildcat defender and an interception lead to another Wildcat possession.

The Wildcats opted to just run the clock down instaed of trying for more points after getting the ball back before halftime.

The score at the half was 26-0.

Looking to chip away at the Wildcat lead, the Troopers had their first possession of the second half end like the oth-

ers in the game, with a punt.

The Trooper defense then settled down and began to stop the Wildcat offense.

Late in the third quarter, the Trooper defense held the Wildcats on a short fourth down play. They were forced to give the ball back four plays later, as they once again couldn’t generate any offense.

As the game wound down, the Trooper offense showed some spark.

Walker connected with Villasencio on a pass, but the end result on the play was

a loss of yardage.

With only a few plays left in the game, Garrett tried to get a first down, but the Wildcat defense snuffed out the play and forced the Troopers to hand the ball back over on downs.

Using the clock to their advantage, the Wildcats sat on the ball, and ran just enough plays to run out the final minutes in the game.

The final score was 26-0.

The Troopers head to Wamego Oct. 11 for their next game at 4 p.m., and they look to produce a victory.



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The Trooper defense attempts to bring down a Wildcat running back during the first half.

Big plays provide spark to lift 1st PSB to win, 44-18

By *Kevin Doheny*
Staff Writer

Big plays and tough defense were the keys to 1st Personnel Support Battalion’s 44-18 victory over 1st Finance Battalion Monday at Sturgis Field.

“We played good,” said Bobby Allison, quarterback for PSB. “We used our quick no-huddle offense with quick passes and runs.”

The start of the game for PSB was like “clockwork.” Allison swiftly moved the ball over the goaline after the PSB defense forced the Finance quarterback to drop the ball near their end zone. The PSB two-point conversion was good making the score 8-0 in a flash.

Down 8-0, Finance controlled the ball for most of the first quarter. They ran 11 of the 12 plays. During the stretch, they completed a crucial fourth down play into a first down. Controlling the ball didn’t get Finance any points in the first, as the score was still 8-0 after one quarter of play.

In the second, PSB offense was back to moving the ball right down the field. After Allison missed a wide-open David Parker for a would-be touchdown, he hit another wide-open receiver in Dushaun Isom. Allison and Isom would connect later on in the drive for a 20-yard reception. Allison would then trot into the end zone on a 10-yard scamper. He then tossed a two-point pass to Matthew

Casper.

Down by 16 points, Finance looked to put points on the board before halftime. They were successful in moving the ball but they had no luck in getting points on the drive. The PSB defense stiffened and caused Finance to throw an interception on the last play of the game.

The start of the second half had its share of fireworks. The tandem of Allison to Parker connected for a touchdown on the first play of the half. The two-point play was no good making the score 22-0.

After the PSB score, Finance quarterback Vernon Cole drove his squad near the end zone, but was intercepted and ran all the way back for a touchdown by Parker. Parker out ran the chasing

Finance offense for the score. Allison would add the two-point conversion.

Cole, desperately trying to produce some sort of offense, rambled his way for a touchdown. The extra point attempt was no good.

Up 30-6, PSB wasn’t done scoring. Allison would throw his second touchdown pass of the game to Isom. Isom would once again contribute, as caught another ball from Allison for the two-point conversion. The score was 38-6.

Playing for pride, Finance put up more points for their total. They would come up short on their two-point conversion try, and still trailed PSB 38-12.

PSB would do what they did the entire game, by driving down the field with

ease and scoring another touchdown. It was Casper who hauled in the long pass from Allison and then they would find the end zone again on the next play.

In an act of desperation, Finance moved the ball quickly down the field. On the last play of the game, Cole tossed a prayer in the air and one of his receivers came down with it. It made the final score 44-18.

PSB walked off the field upbeat, but they know every game can’t be as successful as the one Monday.

“331 Signal caught us on a bad day, and they beat us 31-13 last time out,” said Allison after the game. “We want to get our revenge from that loss. They had better look out.”



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Charity campaign kicks off

By Mitch Huth

19th Public Affairs Detachment

The Combined Federal Campaign, kicked off its annual fundraising efforts Monday at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Fort Riley. Amid all the charities that are popping up in the wake of the Sept. 11 tragedy, the CFC is shouting to get the word out about the many different charities that can be helped by your donations.

The shouting got started when guest speaker Peggy Faulkner, director of the Open Door Community House in Junction City, got the crowd motivated by leading them in a few rounds of "U.S.A., U.S.A., United Way."

"Giving is something that no one needs to be a particular size or gender, it is something that everyone can do," said Faulkner, "we sometimes make a large assumption that everyone has everything that they need...and that's not always so."

Last year, Fort Riley contributed \$162,146, with much of the money going to local charities. The goal for the CFC this year is \$163,000.

There are many locally and nationally affiliated organizations that soldiers and federal employees can contribute to in the CFC handbook.

The Office of Personnel Management is also allowing special solicitation outside of CFC of federal employees, military and civilian, to help in the relief effort for victims of the Sept. 11 tragedy.

"The money that's given to the CFC has made more than a difference in just my agency, it has made a difference in the community," said Faulkner.

Faulkner concluded her remarks by handing out a large pile of cash to the crowd saying that she was confident it would come back to her through the donations they would be giving to the CFC.

"CFC, sign up today!" shouted Faulkner as she handed out the bills.

If you have questions, contact your unit CFC representative or the CFC handbook.

For the individual who wishes to contribute to charities that are giving direct aid to victims of the recent terrorist attack, they can go to the website www.opm.gov/cfc for a list of these organizations.

Apple Day pies for sale

Homemade apple pies sales make up this year's Apple Day activities. The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley will sell pies in advance. Gail Asher is taking the orders. There is a box with the order forms on her porch, 21-A Sheridan Ave. Advanced payment is required.

The society will make 1,000 pies and freeze them with instructions included for baking. Pies ordered by off-post customers will be delivered by the Historical Society to a location in Junction City. Call Asher at 717-3263 for more information. The actual Apple Day event scheduled for Oct. 20 is cancelled.



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CWO3 John Grady, 3rd Bde., 75th Division poses with a couple of his favorite paintings. "Painting is one of the most important things in my life," he says. "It is something I'll continue to do throughout my lifetime."

Soldier's passion more than hobby

By Melissa McEntire

Staff Writer

There is no doubt that soldiers have plenty to do to fill their days. After the work is done, it is hard for a lot of them not to go home and do nothing but sit on the couch in front of the TV.

However, there is one soldier on Fort Riley who can't wait to rush home and start, well, working.

CWO3 John Grady, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division, is by day a brigade standardization officer, a.k.a., an instructor pilot. But during the evenings and weekends he is J. Stuart Grady, artist.

For Grady, going home to paint is more than a hobby and less than work. It is his escape. "I always paint something I love," he said.

Growing up near the beach in California, Grady is an avid swimmer and sailor.

"I had never been away from water until I joined the Army, and I miss it horribly. So I am always painting something to do with the ocean, the beach, fishing or sailing," he said.

"By painting, it almost takes me home."

Grady has been painting for about 20 years, but not until recently has he done it so intently.

"It wasn't until about seven years ago that I started painting avidly. I was in Bosnia and went and bought a cheap water color

set and started fooling around with them," he said.

"I have always drawn, especially in high school. I was always one of those kids who would be drawing instead of listening to the teachers," he said.

"I really didn't start painting until I was in the 11th grade. Then I guess I just got the bug to keep at it."

Grady gets his artistic abilities naturally.

"My grandparents on both sides of my family were artists, so I guess I get it genetically," he said.

But, after joining the Army, Grady stopped painting and drawing for a while.

"I was so busy doing other things that I let drawing and painting fall to the side," he said. But during a deployment, he picked it up again.

"I think some of my best work was done during deployments. Painting is my way of escaping where I am. I wasn't inspired by the dreary places I was at, so I inspired myself by painting things I love," he said.

And since then, he has kept it up.

"Painting for me has now turned from an inspirational thing into a professional thing."

He has entered his art into competitions all over, to include Australia.

"My mom even enters some of my stuff into competitions held in California," he said

sheepishly.

"Even if I do win, she always gets the prize," he laughed.

"However, even though I am starting to get into the professional side of it, I still enjoy painting immensely," Grady said.

"I'm inspired by the things I love. I love to fly fish, so I paint fish a lot. I own a sailboat, so I paint boats. I love the ocean, so I paint the beach, beach houses, animals in the water, things like that," he said.

"Those are the things I love, and I think if you draw or paint something that is close to your heart, your art will come out better," he said.

However, no matter how near and dear to the heart the subject is, the art work will not come out if the effort is not put into it.

"It takes me anywhere from four hours to 30 hours to paint one piece," he said.

"Of course, since I already have a full time job, that is broken up over quite a bit of time."

However, Grady will be departing the Army soon and he plans to make painting a full time job.

"It is a wonderful thing for me. Call it a hobby or whatever you want, but this is what I want to do after I leave the Army," he said.

Maybe I'm good enough to go professional, maybe not. Either way, I'll continue to paint for the rest of my life," he said.



Courtesy Artwork

CWO3 John Grady, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division has a love for the ocean and it is portrayed in many of his paintings. Here, he has painted one of his favorite ocean creatures, the dolphin.

Fort Riley prepares to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

By Paul J. Donnelly

Special to the Post

The Hispanic-American story began long before we became the United States and gloriously continues into the new millennium.

The perseverance, courage, and resolute spirit demonstrated by Hispanic-Americans are the very strengths of character America will rely upon as we as a nation face new challenges.

Hispanic-Americans have served with distinction in the defense of our country and today stand ready to protect the freedom and opportunity, which make America great.

Hispanic-American Heritage Month

is an opportunity to become more familiar with this diverse people and their countless contributions to our nation.

Hispanic-American is defined by the Department of Defense as being a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Central or South America, or of other Spanish cultures, regardless of race.

According to the 2000 Census, Hispanic-Americans are now our country's largest minority group, comprising 12.5 percent of our total population.

Many of these Hispanic-Americans are recent arrivals to the United States. Many more have spread deep, strong roots over many generations, through-

out the United States. These roots have flourished and shared their strength for centuries, in some cases dating back to the 16th century.

All aspects of American culture have been influenced by Hispanic-Americans, not the least of which are the Hispanic-Americans who have served with distinction in the Military.

Since the Revolutionary War, Hispanic-Americans have served in our nation's defense.

From private to general, they have contributed to the preservation of our freedom.

Many have served with great distinction as evidenced by the awarding of 38 Medals of Honor to soldiers of Hispan-

ic-American descent.

Today, over 32,000 soldiers consider themselves to be of Hispanic-American descent.

We are now all called upon to stand up to an attack on our freedom and way of life.

As they always have, Hispanic-Americans will contribute greatly to the fabric of our nations shield of defense.

It is time for Hispanic-Americans to celebrate their culture and take pride in their numerous contributions to what has become the greatest nation the world has ever known.

It is also time for Americans of other backgrounds to acknowledge the contributions of our honorable Hispanic-

Americans.

Through familiarization comes acceptance, and through acceptance comes enrichment.

Fort Riley military and civilian personnel will have the opportunity to celebrate and become more familiar with Hispanic-American culture on Oct. 12, at Riley's Event Center.

Come join in the festivities to include entertainment, educational displays and a free food sampling catered by a local restaurant. This Ethnic Observance will be held during the lunch hour starting at 11:30 a.m.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to gain a greater respect for this dignified culture.

Activated reserves get TRICARE

Members of the reserves and National Guard who are called to active duty will be eligible for health care benefits under TRICARE, just as other active-duty servicemembers are.

Their families will also become eligible for TRICARE benefits, if the military sponsor's active-duty orders are for a long-enough period of time.

This eligibility begins on the effective date of their orders to active duty. Needed care will be provided by uniformed services medical treatment facilities, and by authorized civilian health care providers.

Families of activated reservists and National Guard members become eligible for health care benefits under TRICARE Standard or TRICARE Extra on the first day of the military sponsor's active duty, if his or her orders are for a period of more than 30 consecutive days of active duty, or if the orders are for an indefinite period.

TRICARE Standard is the former CHAMPUS program with a new name. Benefits under TRICARE Standard are the same as they were for CHAMPUS. For active-duty families, TRICARE Standard pays 80 percent of the TRICARE allowable charge for covered health care services that are obtained from authorized, non-network, civilian health care providers.

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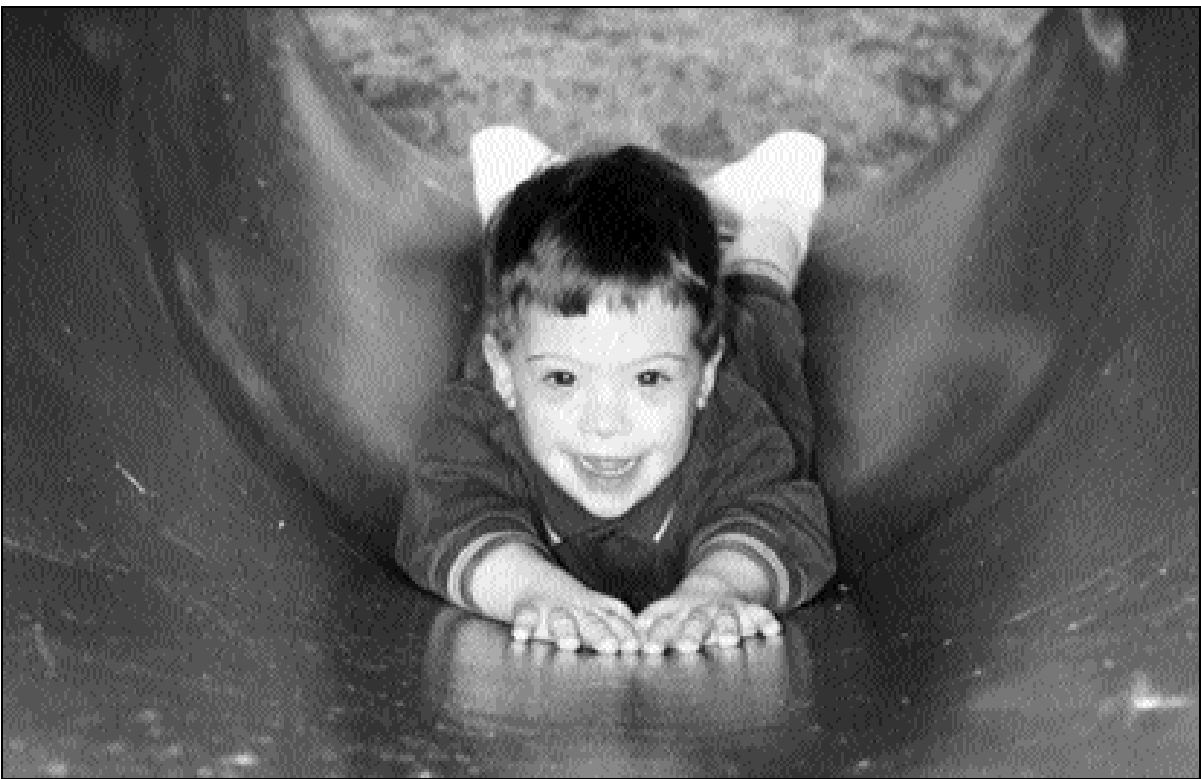
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Local Celebrity

Zachary Wilson will have his 15 minutes of fame for the third time in his life when his picture appeared in New York City's Times Square last Sunday as part of the National Down Syndrome Society's awareness campaign to demonstrate that people with Down Syndrome can be successfully included in community activities, education and employment. The photo of Zachary, who has Downs Syndrome, was selected from more than a thousand entries in the NDSS nationwide call for photos. Approximately 200 photos appear ed in the video production shown on the larger than-life NBC Astrovision , located in the heart of Times Square.

Vaccine safe to reproductive system

By Harry Noyes

Army News Service

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas—A study conducted by an Army preventive-medicine officer has calmed concerns that anthrax vaccinations might damage the reproductive success of military women.

Maj. Andrew R. Wiesen tracked the health of 4,092 active-duty service women. Out of that number, 513 women became pregnant during the course of the 15-month study, including 384 women who had been vaccinated against anthrax.

Compared to unvaccinated women, the vaccinated soldiers were just as likely to get pregnant and just as likely to give birth to healthy babies, Wiesen studies indicated. Birth problems and defects were no more frequent for the vaccinated moms than for others.

The study was conducted at

Fort Stewart, Ga. All of the women in the study were stationed at Fort Stewart or nearby Hunter Army Airfield.

“Pregnancy is an outcome that is almost never studied with vaccination, given the inherent difficulties in studies of that nature,” Wiesen said. “We were just very fortunate to have a set of databases that allowed us to get the information we needed when we needed it.”

Wiesen was chief of preventive

medicine at Fort Stewart's Winn Army Community Hospital during the study, which ended in March 2000. He has since transferred to Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Wash., as chief of epidemiology.

Wiesen initiated and conducted the study on his own, but his protocol was reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board of the department of clinical investigation at Southeast Regional Medical Command.

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All 224 students who attended Custer Hill Elementary School Sept. 26 were involved in showing their patriotism by making a living American flag.

School shows American spirit

By Melissa McEntire

Staff Writer

The colors red, white and blue are seen almost everywhere these days. Cars, homes, shirts and just about every other surface is adorned with the nation's colors. While many are still dealing with their grief, they are also showing their patriotism.

Children are not excluded when it comes to showing off their pride for the country. They are also wearing the country's colors. Children at Custer Hill Elementary did a little more than wear the colors Sept. 26; they became the flag.



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Brice Maresh, 5, a Kindergarten student at Custer Hill Elementary, holds a flag during an assembly Sept. 26.

"The idea was thought up only a few days before we actually did the project," said Tim Stuck, student support monitor.

The project was to get 224 students, grades Kindergarten through fifth grade, to sit in an orderly fashion while holding colorful pieces of paper over their heads. When it was completed, the students had worked together to make themselves into a living symbol of freedom.

"The students know what is going on in our country and they want to do what they can to help. Because this is a post school, students really feel the effect the terrorists had on the United States," Stuck said.

"Doing something patriotic also helps with the children's morale," said Katina Brenn, principal designee for the school.

"The day it happened, we didn't tell the children. We went about a normal day as possible. It was decided that the parents should be the ones to inform their children of the tragedies," said Stuck.

"However, since that time, we've had discussions about how the children feel about the attacks. They have strong opinions on what happened, especially the older ones," he said. "It is unanimous throughout the school to try and do our part and help the nation and community as much as we can."

"Doing activities for them to express their patriotism is their way of controlling the situation and being involved somehow," said Brenn.

"We have also decorated our fence and had two patriotic days where the kids wore red, white and blue to the school," she said.

"Little things, like wearing certain colors of clothes really go a long way today," Stuck said.

And the students agree.

"I wear red, white and blue all the time," said Noelle Wilson, 9, a fourth-grader at Custer Hill Elementary.

"I liked being able to make the flag, too. We've also decorated our room a little with red, white and blue colors," she said. "Right now, I am so proud to live in the USA and have my dad in the Army," Wilson said.

Commissary fights bacteria

By Beth Settle

DeCA

The Defense Commissary Agency Midwest Region has joined national industry, government, and consumer groups to spread the word that "BAC" is out there but can be stopped through some simple food handling and storage steps.

DeCA's Midwest Region is urging people to Fight BAC!™ to reduce the risk of foodborne illness, a serious public health problem. Although the exact incidence of foodborne illness in the U.S. is unknown, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that as many as 9,000 deaths and between 6.5 million and 33 million illnesses each year are directly linked to foodborne pathogens. At the same time, food safety experts report that most food-related illness can be reduced.

Consumers can protect themselves and their families from getting sick by following some basic rules for handling food safely at home.

"The Midwest Region is proud to be part of this major food safety initiative," said CWO Greg M. Burnham, Midwest Region's Food Safety Officer. "Foodborne bacteria have no smell and cannot be seen or felt but can lead to serious illness. Even as industry and government step up their food safety activities, we all need to understand that we play an important role in ensuring the safety of the foods we eat," he added.

Besides introducing people to BAC and his devious ways, the Fight BAC!™ campaign will raise public awareness about four ways that consumers can keep food safe from harmful bacteria:

Clean — Wash hands, utensils and surfaces with hot soapy water before and after food preparation, and especially after preparing meat, poultry, eggs or seafood to protect adequately against bacteria. Using a disinfectant cleaner or a mixture of regular bleach and water (about one cap-full of bleach to a gallon of water) on surfaces and antibacterial soap or alcohol-based sanitizers on hands can provide some added protection.

Separate — Keep raw meat,

poultry, eggs and seafood and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods; never place cooked food on an unwashed plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, eggs or seafood.

Cook — Cook food to the proper internal temperature (this varies for different cuts and types of meat and poultry, look for information in future articles) and check for doneness with a food thermometer. Cook eggs until both the yolk and white are firm.

Chill — Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared food and leftovers within two hours and make sure the refrigerator is set at no higher than 40 F and that the freezer unit is set at 0 F.

To communicate these food safety basics, DeCA's Midwest Region has joined with more than 2000 national organizations as "BAC Fighters" to bring the message of safe food handling to the local community. This means introducing citizens to BAC, the green, slimy looking creature that

represents the invisible enemy, namely foodborne bacteria.

"The BAC character puts a face on foodborne bacteria, which helps Americans remember that we have the power to control bacteria in our home kitchens," Burnham said.

Equally as important, the Midwest Region will take part in this high-impact public education campaign to promote food safety.

"We hope this new food safety symbol will become as familiar and meaningful to Americans as the Food Guide Pyramid," Burnham said. Although stressing simple steps, the food safety symbol covers the critical points in everyday safe food handling.

DeCA's Midwest Region's campaign is part of a nationwide food safety education effort spearheaded by the Partnership for Food Safety Education, a unique public-private partnership committed to reducing foodborne illness through ongoing education about safe food handling.

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